

Jackson Hewitt[®] Collaborates on IRS-State-Industry Effort to Fight Identity Theft and Protect Taxpayer Data

PARSIPPANY, N.J., June 11, 2015 — <u>Jackson Hewitt Tax Service</u>® today stood with IRS, state and other tax industry leaders to unveil an agreement designed to thwart identity theft tax refund fraud. Jackson Hewitt applauded the IRS announcement, following months of work focused on validating the authenticity of taxpayers and information included on tax return submissions, among other topics.

"Jackson Hewitt embraced the charge by the IRS commissioner to expand our collaboration as we continuously improve our strategies to protect taxpayer data, said David Prokupek, CEO of Jackson Hewitt. "We believe our contributions as shared by the IRS Commissioner today are positive enhancements that will instill even greater confidence among taxpayers."

To expand existing efforts to fight identify theft and fraud, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen established three specialized working teams with members from the IRS, states and the tax industry. As a proud member of that team, Jackson Hewitt worked to identify tools, including:

- Improving tax return authentication and validation to prevent fraudulent tax returns from being filed and accepted
- o Improving detection of false filings and refund crime
- Assessing risks and develop strategies to prevent emerging threats

"Our goal to bring innovative offerings and services to hardworking Americans includes cooperation with federal, state and industry leaders on this important issue," said David Prokupek, CEO of Jackson Hewitt. "We support the IRS efforts in dealing with evolving refund fraud threats."

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